

THE REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS, SUPERINTENDENT,
AND CHAPLAIN

OF THE

CHESHIRE LUNATIC ASYLUM,

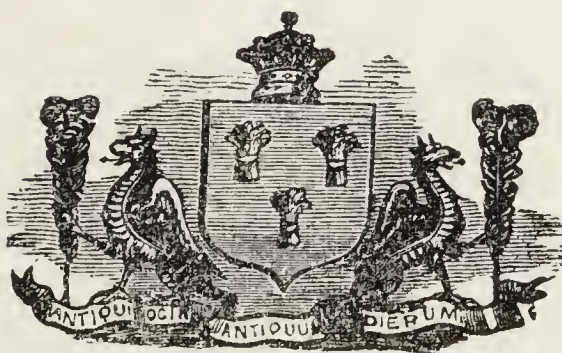
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THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS

OF THE

CHESHIRE COUNTY ASYLUM, FOR 1866.

To Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Chester,

in General Quarter Sessions assembled.

THE Visiting Justices of Cheshire Asylum beg to submit the following Report of the proceedings connected with the Institution during the year 1866 :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
On the 31st December, 1865, the numbers in the Asylum were...	229	245	474
Admitted since that date	67	70	137
	—	—	—
	296	315	611
	—	—	—

	Males. Females.				
Discharged during the same period.....	40	54			
Died	18	18	58	72	130
	—	—	—	—	—
Remaining in the Asylum	238	243	481		
	—	—	—	—	—

The whole of these cases belong to Cheshire, 23 of them being chargeable to the County. Of the 94 patients discharged 32 belonged to Chester, who, in January last, were removed to Denbigh Asylum.

The establishment, during the year, has been quite free from any epidemic, and the number of deaths is rather below the average. The Asylum being capable of holding 240 males and 254 females, it will be seen that the male department is quite full, and that only a few vacancies remain for females. And notwithstanding the removal of some of the harmless and chronic cases to the Workhouses, several applications for admission of males have been refused.

In anticipation of the Asylum being full, your Committee, in June last, made application to the authorities of the Denbigh, Stafford, Haydock Lodge, and other Asylums in the immediate neighbourhood, to ascertain if arrangements could be made with them for receiving a given number of patients, but without success.

The Guardians of Workhouses being empowered, under certain circumstances, to contract for the reception of lunatics, application was also made to all the Unions in the County, but in no case was there the requisite accommodation. Taking 40 as the average increase of lunatics per annum remaining in the Asylum, and calculating that it will take three years to erect and furnish the new building, there will be at that time about 120 patients ready to occupy it.

Supposing no provision is made for these patients, they must either be detained in Workhouses, or, at a much larger cost than that for which they can be kept here, provided for in Asylums in different parts of the kingdom; and your Committee, after fully considering the matter, have come to the conclusion that, both in an economical and humane point of view, it would be much better to make provision for them in this Asylum. This they propose doing by using some of the present day-rooms as Dormitories, and erecting temporary day-rooms at as cheap a cost as possible. They have, therefore, ordered plans and estimates to be made for such buildings, the total cost of which will be about £800; and an application will be made to the Court for that sum to enable them to carry out the project.

In consequence of the increased price of provisions your Committee were compelled, in March last, to raise the rate of maintenance from 8s. 2d. per head per week (at which sum it had remained for 9 years) to that of 8s. 9d., and again, in July, to 9s. 4d.

In February last Mr. John Norrish was appointed Assistant Medical Officer, at a salary of £100 per annum, in the room of Dr. Harper, who had been previously elected Superintendent.

Appended is a copy of the Report of the Commissioners in Lunacy, made at a visit to the Asylum in the month of May last.

In conclusion, your Committee feel gratified in being able to report that under the superintendency of Dr. Harper the affairs of the Asylum have been conducted in a satisfactory manner; and that to him, and the various officers of the Institution, their thanks are due for the care and attention bestowed on the Lunatics committed to their charge.

D. GRAHAM,
CHAIRMAN.

31st December, 1866.

COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY REPORT.

CHESTER COUNTY ASYLUM,

19th July, 1866.

This Asylum contains 474 patients, of whom 227 are males, and 247 are females.

During our visit yesterday and this day we have seen them all, and have inspected every part of the establishment. With very few exceptions, in the female division, the patients were remarkably free from excitement, and no one was in seclusion.

As regards their clothing and personal appearance, we can on the whole report favourably; but we think that more attention should be given to some of the worst cases in the male division, and efforts be made to diminish the number of skeleton dresses.

The bedding throughout was in the best order, and, owing to the care and attention bestowed upon the patients during the night, the number of wetted or soiled beds has been reduced to a daily average of about three in each division.

All the wards were clean and well furnished. In the bath room and lavatory attached to No. 2 female ward we perceived an unpleasant odour, but generally the ventilation was good and the air pure. Some changes are proposed in the lavatories, and in one of them the fixed basins have been removed. They will ultimately be done away with altogether, and the means for personal washing will be provided in the several dormitories and single rooms.

As regards the baths, we recommend that rules for the guidance of the attendants in bathing the patients should be drawn up and printed, and a copy be hung up in every bath room.

Some of the rooms in the female division seemed rather crowded ; we have therefore made enquiries as to the present amount of vacant accommodation, and we find that there are now only 7 vacancies in the female, and 13 in the male division, although since our last visit, in February, 1865, 56 patients belonging to the County of Stafford and City of Chester have been removed. It seems, therefore, to be necessary that immediate steps should be taken to provide for the wants of the County, especially as all the neighbouring Asylums are full ; and we are glad to learn that the subject has been under the consideration of the Justices in Quarter Session, and that several sites in the more populous division of the County have been examined.

We are strongly of opinion that no further enlargement of this Asylum would be desirable.

The occupations and amusements have been reported by us on former occasions, and we find that the general arrangements are the same as usual.

The Chaplain still continues to give instruction in the school, and about 40 patients of each sex attend regularly, with very satisfactory results.

Divine service is performed as usual. About 130 patients of each sex are present at each of the services on Sunday, and from 70 to 80 attend the daily prayers.

There has been no instance of restraint since the last visit, and seclusion has been employed in two cases only.

Although the general health is good, and we found very few patients in bed, there are many old paralytic and very feeble cases in the wards ; and we are sorry to find that from some of the Unions patients are still sent in a very feeble and exhausted condition. Indeed, in almost every instance, the newly-admitted patients are in a low, under-fed state, and it is found necessary at once to place them upon extra diet, and to give them stimulants.

The total number of admissions since the last visit has been 212, of whom 110 were men, and 102 women; 80 men and 60 women have been discharged; and 30 men and 22 women have died.

The deaths all appear to have been from ordinary causes, except in the case of a man who died from the effects of "acute mania, accelerated by fractured ribs." A coroner's inquest was held, and all the details of the case were transmitted to the Board.

At the last visit we recommended some increase in the number of the attendants, and we find that one additional nurse has been engaged, and is employed in No. 2 Ward, which is used as a kind of reception or probationary ward.

The present staff of attendants consists of 19 in the male, and 17 in the female division. These numbers include the head attendants, and also two women who assist in the male ward, and the two laundry maids on the women's side.

We had an opportunity of seeing the patients at dinner, and had every reason to be satisfied with the quality of the food, and the manner in which it was served.

We can again report very favourably of the condition of the Asylum.

Dr. Harper succeeded Dr. Brushfield in March last, and the Institution has lost none of its efficiency since he has had charge of it.

W. G. CAMPBELL, } Commissioners
ROBERT NAIRNE, } in Lunacy.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT

FOR THE YEAR 1866.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honor to submit to you the Thirteenth Thirteenth Annual Report. Annual Report on the condition of this Asylum, with the Statistical Tables.

On the 1st of January, 1866, there were in the Number of Patients. Institution 474 patients. During the year there were admitted 137. The number discharged was 94, of which 43 were recoveries. The deaths amounted to 36. There remained on the 1st of January, 1867, 481 inmates.

The number admitted during 1866 was 17 less than Admissions. in the previous year. This, in some measure, is to be attributed to the circumstance of the male side being on several occasions quite full, with the consequent inability to receive cases, which had therefore to be otherwise provided for by their respective Unions. When, owing to the discharge or death of patients, vacancies occurred, they were speedily filled again by the admission of others.

In order to make suitable provision for the constantly Provision for Patients. increasing number of patients, and, pending the erection of the proposed Asylum for the North-East Division of the County, it is intended to extend the accommodation by the erection of temporary buildings attached to the present Asylum. The advantage of this plan is obvious; for, while on the one hand there is frequently considerable difficulty and delay in providing for the disposition of

Importance of early transmission of Patients to Asylums Lunatics by their removal to Asylums situated in other Counties, on the other hand, the patients themselves will be greatly benefited by lessening the motive to retain acute cases in Workhouses ; it being a fact well known to all experienced in the observation of mental diseases, that delay in the treatment of recent acute cases too often results in retarding the recovery, or in causing the degeneration from a curable into a chronic incurable state.

Condition of Patients admitted. In a large number of the admissions, *i.e.*, nearly one-half, the patients were found to be in weak or bad bodily health, and of those admitted 10 were epileptics, and 15 were cases of general paralysis.

Epileptics and General Paralytics. One patient, a man, on admission was found to have several bruises on various parts of his body, and shortly afterwards was discovered to be suffering from fractured ribs, evidently the result of violence previous to his admission into the Asylum.

Patient admitted with fractured ribs.

Not Insane. A female, transferred from another Asylum, exhibited no symptoms of insanity, and was consequently discharged as not being insane.

Recoveries The total number of recoveries during the year amounted to but 43 ; a smaller number than in the last two previous years. This is to be accounted for by the fact of a larger per centage than usual of the inmates being in a hopelessly incurable state.

Relieved and Unimproved. The number of patients discharged as relieved or unimproved was 51, of which number 32 chargeable to the Chester Incorporation, were transferred to the Denbigh Asylum.

Deaths. The death rate during 1866 is below the average of the last five years, being only 7·72 per cent. on the daily number resident, and 5·89 per cent. on the total number under treatment.

An inquest was held in one case, that of a female who died within six hours of her admission, of exhaustion after acute mania, and who, it was feared, had been neglected before she was brought to the Asylum; and the jury returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased died by the visitation of God, from natural causes, and added that death was accelerated by ill-treatment, want of proper food, and the miserable hovel she lived in.

Inquest.

None of the other cases require special comment. As usual, general paralysis claimed a large proportion of victims, the most noticeable circumstance in connection with this being the number (4) of cases of this disease occurring in females.

General Paralysis,
a frequent cause of
Death.

No case of suicide has happened during the year, although attempts at self-destruction before admission into the Asylum were made in thirteen instances.

No Suicide.

The general health of the inmates has been good, and no disease of an epidemic nature has occurred.

General Health.

All the male patients, whose mental and bodily condition would admit of it, have been actively employed in the grounds, in assisting the various artisan attendants, and in the wards; and a large number of females have also been industriously occupied as ward cleaners, in assisting in the kitchen and laundry, and in needlework.

Employment of
Patients.

Various amusements, such as dances, concerts, card parties, &c. have been continued for the recreation of the patients; and it is interesting and gratifying to observe the pleasure as well as actual benefit conferred on many by these means of mental diversion.

Amusements.

It affords me much pleasure to be able to record that, as a rule, the conduct of the Officers and Attendants has been very satisfactory.

Conduct of Officers
and Attendants.

Conclusion.

It only remains for me to gratefully acknowledge the kindly feeling shown me on all occasions by the Committee of Visiting Justices, during this, my first year of Superintendency of the Asylum.

I have the honor to be,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

H. L. HARPER, M.D.,
Medical Superintendent.

*To the Committee of Visitors
of the Cheshire Lunatic Asylum.*

STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE I.

Admissions. Discharges, and Deaths, during the Year 1866.

	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Remaining in the Asylum, January 1st, 1866	229	245	474			
Admitted during the year 1866	67	70	137			
				296	315	611
Discharged recovered	16	27	43			
Ditto relieved	8	8	16			
Ditto unimproved	16	19	35			
Died	18	18	36			
				58	72	130
Remaining in the Asylum, January 1st, 1867				238	243	481

Per centage of recoveries on total number under treatment	7.03
Ditto ditto admissions during the year	31.38
Ditto deaths on the average daily number resident	7.72
Ditto ditto on total number under treatment	5.89
Average daily number resident during the year	466.88

Greatest number resident at one time—

Of males only	240
„ females only	247
„ both sexes	485

Least number resident at one time—

Of males only	210
„ females only	229
„ both sexes	442

TABLE II.

Monthly Statement of the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1866.

	ADMISSIONS.			DISCHARGES. Cured & Relieved.			DEATHS.		
	M.	F.	Qrtrs. of the Year.	M.	F.	Qrtrs. of the Year.	M.	F.	Qrtrs. of the Year.
January	7	4	} 31	5	..	} 13	1	4	} 11
February	2	4		1	4		2	2	
March	8	6		2	1		2	..	
April	9	9	} 40	2	4	} 12	2	1	} 7
May	4	6		..	3		..	2	
June	4	8		2	1		2	..	
July	5	4	} 40	1	4	} 19	1	..	} 7
August	8	6		5	3		..	3	
September	9	8		2	4		2	1	
October	5	8	} 26	2	7	} 15	2	2	} 11
November	3	1		1	3		..	2	
December	3	6		1	1		4	1	
	67	70	137	24	35	59	18	18	36

TABLE III.

Civil State.—Admissions

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Single	29	20	49
Married	30	39	69
Widowed	8	10	18
Unknown .....	..	1	1
	67	70	137

TABLE IV.

Ages at time of Admission.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 10 years .....	..	..	..
Between 10 and 20 years	1	5	6
" 20 " 30 " 	19	12	31
" 30 " 40 " 	15	17	32
" 40 " 50 " 	14	18	32
" 50 " 60 " 	7	7	14
" 60 " 70 " 	6	7	13
" 70 " 80 " 	5	4	9
	67	70	137

TABLE V.

Duration of Insanity at time of Admission.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Less than 2 weeks	10	19	29
Between 2 „ and 1 month	9	11	20
„ 1 month „ 3 months	10	12	22
„ 3 months „ 6 „	7	7	14
„ 6 „ „ 12 „	4	3	7
„ 12 „ „ 2 years	8	2	10
„ 2 years „ 5 „	5	5	10
„ 5 „ „ 10 „	2	..	2
Above 10 „ .....	..	1	1
From Birth	3	..	3
Unknown	9	10	19
	67	70	137

TABLE VI.

Occupation of those Admitted.

MALES.

Barber	1	Mason	1
Bleacher	1	Mechanics	2
Bobbin-maker	1	None or Unknown	5
Book-keeper	1	Painter	1
Bricklayers	2	Pensioner	1
Cab-driver	1	Provision Dealer	1
Cabinet-maker	1	Rock Miner	1
Clerk	1	Saddler	1
Coachman	1	Sawyer	1
Collier	1	Shoemakers	2
Cooper	1	Silk Manufacturer	1
Commission Agent	1	Silk Weaver	1
Factory Operatives	3	Soldier	1
Farmer	1	Spindle-maker	1
Fishmonger	1	Striker	1
Gamekeeper	1	Tailor	1
Gardeners	3	Time-Keeper	1
Grocers	2	Tin-plate Worker	1
Hawkers	2		
Labourers	17		67

TABLE VI.—*Continued.*

FEMALES.

Boot Binders	3	Midwife	1
Charwomen	2	None or Unknown	8
Domestic Duties.....	10	School-mistresses	2
Domestic Servants	28	Washerwomen.....	3
Factory Hands	10		
Farmers' Daughters	2		70
Hawker	1		

TABLE VII.

Religious Persuasion.—Admissions.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Church of England	40	49	89
Protestant Dissent	12	11	23
Roman Catholic	11	5	16
None or Unknown	4	5	9
	67	70	137

TABLE VIII.

Bodily condition.—Admissions.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Good	7	1	8
Moderate	35	30	65
Weak.....	22	34	56
Bad	3	5	8
	67	70	137

TABLE IX.

Form of Mental Disorder.—Admissions.

	TOTAL.		COMPLICATIONS.					
	M.	F.	With Epilepsy.		With General Paralysis.		With Suicidal Propensities.	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Mania	44	43	4	4	9	1	8	9
Melancholia	9	18	...	...	...	...	7	8
Dementia	6	4	...	...	3	1	...	...
Amentia {	1	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
	7	4	1	1	1	...	...	1
Imbecility .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Not Insane	67	70	5	5	13	2	15	18

TABLE. X.

Supposed Cause.—Admissions.

MORAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Anxiety	1	...	1			
Disappointment about a Farm.....	...	1	1			
Domestic affliction ... ..	...	1	1			
Family quarrels.....	...	1	1			
Grief .....	...	1	1			
„ at absence of son (a soldier) .....	..	1	1			
„ death of a female under her care.....	...	1	1			
„ death of relatives .....	..	2	2			
„ enlistment of son.....	...	1	1			
„ Losses by Cattle Plague .....	...	2	2			
Religious excitement	1	...	1			
„ melancholy .....	...	1	1			
				2	12	14
PHYSICAL.						
Accident.....	1	...	1			
Blow on the head	1	...	1			
Confinement .....	...	2	2			
Cholera .....	...	1	1			
Epilepsy.....	...	3	3			
Fever—Epilepsy	1	...	1			
Hereditary	2	1	3			

TABLE X.—Continued.

PHYSICAL—continued.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Intemperance.....	1	4	5			
Rupture of blood vessel	1	...	1			
Spinal disease.....	1	...	1			
				8	11	19
Congenital case .....	...	...	...	1	...	1
Unknown or unassigned ...	..	...	...	56	47	103
				67	70	137

TABLE XI.

Analysis of Suicidal Cases.—Admissions.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Attempted to commit suicide.....	4	9	13
Meditated suicide.....	12	8	20
	16	17	33

TABLE XII.

Suicidal Attempts.—Admissions.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
By cutting throat .....	...	3	3
„ drowning	1	2	3
„ jumping through window	1	1	2
„ poison.....	...	1	1
„ strangulation.....	...	2	2
Form of attempt unknown	2	...	2
	4	9	13

TABLE XIII.

Duration of Residence of those discharged Cured.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 3 months	6	8	14
Between 3 „ and 6 months	3	4	7
„ 6 „ 12 „	4	8	12
„ 12 „ 3 years	3	6	9
„ 3 years and 5 „ .....	...	...	...
Above 5 „ .....	...	1	1
	16	27	43

TABLE XIV.

Causes of Death.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Bronchitis .....	...	1	1
Cancer of Pylorus	1	...	1
Disease of Bladder and Uremia.....	1	...	1
„ Brain with Paraplegia	1	...	1
„ Heart .....	..	1	1
Epilepsy .....	...	1	1
„ and disease of Liver .....	...	1	1
„ „ Marasmus .....	...	1	1
Exhaustion after Acute Mania	1	...	1
„ „ „ and Erysipelas...	...	1	1
„ „ „ accelerated by General Tuberculous disease and effusion on Brain.....	...	1	1
Exhaustion after Acute Melancholia .....	...	1	1
General Debility	1	2	3
„ Decay.....	3	1	4
„ „ and Cancer of Face .....	...	1	1
„ Paralysis.....	6	4	10
Marasmus.....	1	...	1
Phthisis.....	1	2	3
Serous Apoplexy with Congestion of Lungs ...	1	...	1
„ „ the termination of General Paralysis	1	...	1
	18	18	36

TABLE XV.

Ages at time of Death.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 20 years.....	...	...	...
Between 20 „ and 30 years ...	...	1	1
„ 30 „ „ 40 „	5	5	10
„ 40 „ „ 50 „	3	4	7
„ 50 „ „ 60 „	3	2	5
„ 60 „ „ 70 „	4	3	7
„ 70 „ „ 80 „	3	3	6
	18	18	36

TABLE XVI.

Duration of Treatment of those who Died.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 2 weeks....	1	2	3
Between 2 „ and 1 month .....	...	1	1
„ 1 month „ 3 months	3	...	3
„ 3 months „ 6 „	3	2	5
„ 6 „ „ 12 „	1	1	2
„ 12 „ „ 2 years ...	6	4	10
„ 2 years „ 5 „ .....	...	5	5
„ 5 „ „ 10 „	3	1	4
„ 10 „ „ 20 „ .....	.	1	1
„ 20 „ „ 30 „	1	1	2
	18	18	36

TABLE XVII.

ARTICLES.	Made.	Repaired.
IN FEMALE WARDS:		
Aprons	499	97
Attendants' Dresses	21	..
Bed Ticks.....	42	61
Blankets (marked and overcast)	692	174
Bonnets (trimmed) .....	..	305
Caps (day)	532	401
„ (night)	184	6
Chemises	299	459
Counterpanes (hemmed and marked)	72	14
Flannel Drawers.....	84	..
„ Petticoats	387	97
„ Vests	257	72
Iron Holders	174	..
Jackets (print)	275	109
„ (winsey).....	249	142
Linsey Dresses	39	10
„ Petticoats.....	109	71
Mats	29	..
Neckerchiefs	288	..
Night Jackets	24	..
Pillow Cases	304	208
Pocket Handkerchiefs	288	..
Sheets	589	463
Shirts	397	614
Shrouds	40	..
Stays (pairs)	89	9
Stockings (pairs) marked.....	977	..
„ „ .....	..	4324
Table Cloths	65	13
„ Covers	27	2
Toilette Covers	42	..
Towels	579	34
Window Blinds	67	..
IN SHOEMAKERS' SHOP:		
Men's Blucher Boots	81	621
„ Slippers.....	155	220
Women's Boots	52	70
„ Shoes	103	277
Mats	5	..
IN TAILORS' SHOP:		
Braces	117	..
Caps	115	31
Jackets	76	532
Suits (trousers and vests)	21	120
Trousers	125	983
Vests	90	267
ATTENDANTS' CLOTHING (UNIFORM)		
Jackets	20	68
Trowsers .. .	22	28
Vests.....	17	134

TABLE XVIII.

Daily Account of the State of the Male Patients.

1866.					MONDAY,		TUESDAY,		WEDNESDAY,	
					Oct. 1st.		Oct. 2nd.		Oct. 3rd.	
EMPLOYED.										
					Morn.	After.	Morn.	After.	Morn.	After.
Working in Land and Gardens					77	77	75	58	75	75
Assisting Joiner					1	1	1	1	1	1
,, Engineer					11	11	13	13	13	13
,, Plumber and Painter					4	4	4	4	4	4
,, Shoemaker					8	8	8	8	8	8
,, Tailor					8	8	8	8	8	8
,, in Kitchen					9	9	9	9	9	9
,, Carrying Coals, Cinders, &c.					13	13	12	12	12	12
,, Cleaning Wards					17	17	17	17	17	17
,, in Office					1	1	1	1	1	1
,, Night Watch					1	1	1	1	1	1
,, Bricklayer					1	1	1	1	1	1
At School ... ..					...	...	...	34	...	...
Total Employed ..					151	151	150	167	150	150
UNEMPLOYED.										
Excitement with Seclusion ... ..					...	...	...	...	...	...
,, without ,,					7	7	7	7	7	7
Sick					3	3	3	2	2	2
Quiet					77	77	78	62	80	80
Taking exercise beyond Boundaries ... ..					...	...	...	...	...	..
Total Unemployed ...					87	87	85	71	89	89
Admissions ... ..					...	...	...	...	1	...
Deaths and Discharges ... ..					..	...	...	...	...	...
					...	...	...	...	1	...

TABLE XIX.

Daily Account of the State of the Female Patients.

1866.				MONDAY,		TUESDAY,		WEDNESDAY,	
				Oct. 1st.		Oct. 2nd.		Oct. 3rd.	
EMPLOYED.				Morn.	After.	Morn.	After.	Morn.	After.
Cleaning Wards ...	...	...	...	23	17	25	17	23	17
Assisting in the Kitchen ...	...	...	...	10	10	10	10	10	10
„ „ Laundry ...	...	...	...	24	24	23	23	23	23
Making Men's Clothing ...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	1	1
Binding Boots and Shoes ...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	1	1
Making Hats and Bonnets ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mending Stockings ...	...	...	...	3	3	3	3	9	8
Knitting and Netting ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sewing and Quilting ...	...	...	...	95	89	108	91	90	99
At Steward's House ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
At School ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	...	...
Total Employed ...				157	145	171	184	157	159
UNEMPLOYED.									
Excitement with Seclusion ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ without „ ...	...	...	...	15	12	15	13	14	12
Sick ...	...	...	...	5	5	4	4	5	5
Quiet ...	...	...	...	66	81	53	42	65	65
Taking exercise beyond Boundaries ...	...	...	...	26	19	...	...	...	...
Total Unemployed ...				86	98	72	59	84	82
Admissions ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deaths and Discharges ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
				...	...	...	...	2	...

Table showing the number of Pauper Lunatics chargeable to the undermentioned Unions, on the 31st day of December, 1866, compiled from the Annual Union Returns made under 16 and 17 Vict., Cap. 97, Sec. 64.

Name of Union, &c.	Cheshire Asylum			Other Asylums.			Workhouses.			With Friends.			Total Pauper Lunatics In Cheshire.		
	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Altrincham	30	25	55	2	..	2	3	11	14	3	6	9	38	42	80
Ashton-under-Lyne	15	18	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	17	18	35
Birkenhead	42	32	74	..	..	..	4	5	9	5	3	8	51	40	91
Congleton	12	29	41	1	..	1	8	7	15	5	5	10	26	41	67
County Treasurer	13	9	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	9	22
Great Boughton	10	8	18	..	..	..	3	6	9	5	7	12	18	21	39
Hawarden	1	4	5	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	4	6
Nantwich	18	13	31	1	1	2	2	6	8	7	14	21	28	34	62
Northwich	20	16	36	..	..	..	2	5	7	5	12	17	27	33	60
Macclesfield	21	23	44	..	..	..	23	23	46	5	8	13	49	54	103
Runcorn	14	10	24	..	..	..	6	7	13	2	2	4	22	19	41
Stockport	33	42	75	..	..	..	44	62	106	5	9	14	82	113	195
Threapwood (Parish of)	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Warrington	2	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	4
Whitchurch .....	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Wirral	6	11	17	..	..	..	2	4	6	4	3	7	12	18	30
	238	243	481	4	1	5	98	136	234	48	69	117	388	449	837

REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN FOR 1866.

CHESHIRE COUNTY ASYLUM,

March 19th, 1867.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

It is again my duty to submit to you my Annual Official Report for the past year.

I beg to inform you that Divine Service has been regularly celebrated in the Chapel throughout the year by me, with the exception of a very few occasions (when the duty has been performed by some other Clergyman) twice on each Sunday, and once on Friday. Daily Prayers have also been said every other day in the Recreation Hall. The Chapel is completely filled every Sunday, the average congregation being about 300; indeed, more patients might attend the service if there was room for them. The Holy Communion has been celebrated as usual four times in the year.

The Schools, both male and female, are well attended, and the progress is satisfactory. The Female School was suspended for a few weeks, in consequence of the illness of the Nurse, who conducted it, but it has now commenced again. There is an average attendance of 35 males and 38 females. The Singing Class meets each Friday evening, for the practice of the Hymns, &c. to be used on the following Sunday, at which many of the Attendants and some of the Patients regularly attend; and I feel sure that a Choral Service is attended with a very good effect in an Asylum, as it keeps up the attention of the Patients, which otherwise would be very liable to be wearied. On the contrary, it is very great throughout the whole service, and has often been the subject of commendatory remark by any Clergyman who has officiated for me, as well as by any strangers who may chance to have been present.

The stock of Books for distribution in the Wards is, I am sorry to say, becoming very small, for necessarily many are destroyed, it being hardly possible to prevent them being occasionally torn up by mischievous Patients; besides which, they have been in constant use for several years.

In concluding this Report, it gives me much satisfaction to bear testimony to the good moral conduct of the Attendants, and their kind treatment generally of the Patients under their care.

I have the honor to remain,

Yours respectfully,

RALPH CONGREVE, CHAPLAIN.

*To the Committee of Visitors
of the Cheshire County Asylum,*

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE,

Between the 1st day of January, 1866, and the 31st day of December, 1866.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
To Balance due from Treasurer, 1st January, 1866		1449	0	5
One Year's Rent of Land, per Rev. R. Congreve		4	0	0
Bank Interest		19	17	5
<i>Sale of Farm Produce—viz :</i>				
Pigs	£31 13 0			
Offal of Cows, &c.....	2 5 0			
Goat	1 0 0			
Barley	15 19 0			
Oats	10 9 2			
Potatoes	1 4 6			
Hay	6 8 6			
Keep of Pony.....	4 11 0			
		73	10	2
<i>Sundry Receipts—viz :</i>				
Rags sold	7 4 9			
Bones ditto.....	3 8 0			
Tar ditto.....	4 15 3			
Old Iron ditto	1 1 0			
Repairs of Officers' Clothing	8 16 10			
Clothing sold to Patients.....	0 14 0			
		25	19	10
The County Treasurer for Building and Repairs		862	9	8
<i>Maintenance of Patients—viz :</i>				
Unions and Parishes in Cheshire.....	9178 2 7			
Patients chargeable to County	541 18 4			
Ditto ditto other Counties	391 10 0			
Private Patient	22 6 0			
Criminal Patient.....	22 9 1			
		10156	6	0
Carried forward	£12591	3	6	

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE,

Between the 1st day of January, 1866, and the 31st day of December, 1866.

PAYMENTS.					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SALARIES AND WAGES.										
<i>Officers.</i>										
*Superintendent (late)	at £450 per annum				417	16	0			
*Ditto	350 ditto									
Assistant Medical Officer (late) ..	120 ditto				105	16	3			
Ditto	100 ditto									
Matron	80 ditto	..			80	0	0			
*Steward	120 ditto	..			115	0	0			
†Chaplain	250 ditto	..			250	0	0			
†Clerk to Visitors and Clerk of Asylum	110 ditto	..			110	0	0			
+Auditor	10 ditto	..			10	0	0			
+Schoolmaster	13 ditto	..			13	0	0			
+Organist	14 ditto	..			13	0	0			
								1114	12	3
<i>Male Attendants.</i>										
1 Head Attendant	at £70 per annum	..			70	0	0			
1 Attendant and Wife for separate Male Building	50 ditto	..			50	0	0			
1 Attendant and Wife for Male Infirmary Ward	32 ditto	..			28	18	9			
1 Night Attendant	47 ditto	..			46	10	0			
11 Ordinary Attendants	from £23 to 30 ditto	..			269	5	11			
1 Baker Attendant	at 31 ditto	..			30	5	0			
1 Engineer ditto	67 12/ditto	..			67	12	0			
1 Assistant ditto	56 ditto	..			53	0	0			
1 Gardener ditto	41 12/ ditto	..			41	12	0			
1 Painter ditto	40 ditto	..			40	0	0			
1 Shoemaker do.	32 ditto	..			31	15	0			
1 Tailor	35 ditto	..			35	0	0			
1 Ditto (occasional) .....		..			26	2	6			
								790	1	2
<i>Female Attendants.</i>										
1 Head Attendant	at £20 per annum	..			20	0	0			
16 Ordinary Attendants	from £10 to 18 ditto	..			209	2	4			
Cook	18 ditto	..			17	15	0			
Housemaid	10 ditto	..			10	0	0			
Laundress	17 ditto	..			16	15	0			
								273	12	4
Carried forward								£ 2178	5	9

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE,

Between the 1st day of January, 1866, and the 31st day of December, 1866.

RECEIPTS.	£	s	d
To Amount brought forward.....	12591	3	6
Carried forward	£12591	3	

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE,

Between the 1st day of January, 1866, and the 31st day of December, 1866.

PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				2178	5	9
PROVISIONS.						
Arrowroot .....200 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. at 1/4, 1/6, and 1/8	15	8	8			
Beer .....13,788 gallons, at 25/, 26/, and 26/6..	494	17	6			
Barm	23	3	3			
Butchers' Meat ..51.213 lbs., at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., and 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d....	1568	10	4			
Ditto .....19,772 „ 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d., 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., and 9d....	681	14	6			
Butter .....12,57 $\frac{3}{4}$ „ 17d. 1-12th (avrg. price)	89	10	10			
Ditto, Salt.....6,387 „ 11d., 13d., and 15d.	337	0	9			
Buttermilk .....5,748 gallons, at 2d. and 3d.....	59	13	6			
Cheese .....43 cwt. 0 qr. 12 lbs., at 65/, 70/, and 90/	154	16	2			
Ditto.....128 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs, at 9d., 10d., and 11d.	5	7	2			
Chicory.....440 lbs, at 8d.....	14	13	4			
Coffee.....1,760 lbs., at 11d. and 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.....	83	6	8			
Ditto.....25 „ 1/8	2	1	8			
Currants and Raisins	12	15	10			
Eggs	14	7	0			
Flour.....600 sacks, at 33/ 1-16th, 34/	1012	10	0			
Ditto.....65 „ 26/6 and 28/	90	5	0			
Fish and Poultry	23	17	9			
Milk.....6,967 $\frac{1}{2}$ gallons, at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 9d., and 12d.	233	14	11			
Peas.....10 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., at 16/4.....	8	11	6			
Rice.....62 $\frac{1}{2}$ „ 11/3, 13/, and 15/6	42	18	7			
Snuff and Tobacco	53	2	8			
Sugar, Moist.....110 cwt., at 35/, 36/9, and 32/6	193	9	6			
Ditto, Lump ....238 lbs., at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 6d., and 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d	5	9	0			
Spices	40	12	6			
Tea.....1,183 lbs., at 1/6, 1/9 $\frac{1}{2}$, and 2/3 $\frac{1}{2}$	110	11	9			
Ditto.....48 „ 3/4 and 3/6	8	6	0			
Oatmeal.....	4	2	6			
Biscuits.....	2	2	0			
Confectionery	0	16	0			
Potatoes	86	13	7			
				*5474	10	5
NECESSARIES.						
Coals, for Gas ....93 tons, 3 cwt., 3 qrs., at 11/8 & 19/6	68	15	7			
Coals.....459 tons, 14 cwt., at 10/5	239	7	7			
Slack.....701 tons, 19 cwt., 2 qrs., at 7/4 & 7/11	271	18	8			
Ditto.....1 ton, 14 cwt., 1 qr., at 13/10	1	3	8			
	581	5	6			
Carried forward				£ 7652	16	2

* To arrive at the total consumption of Provisions, there must be added to this Account the value of Provisions, as shown in Farm Account, page 11, value £503 3s 1d.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE,

Between the 1st day of January, 1866, and the 31st day of December, 1866.

RECEIPTS.	£	s	d
To amount brought forward	12591	3	6
Carried forward	£ 12591	3	6

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE,

Between the 1st day of January, 1866, and the 31st day of December, 1866.

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				7652	16	2
NECESSARIES— <i>continued.</i>						
Brought forward	521	5	6			
Candles and Tallow	17	14	7			
Cotton Waste, &c.	1	16	8			
Blacking, Blacklead, &c.	20	17	0			
Oil	16	11	4			
Soap.....69 cwt., at 25/6 and 26/6	90	13	6			
Ditto.....13 lbs., at 8d. and 1/	0	11	0			
Ditto, Soft.....16 firkins, at 17/6 and 18/6	14	9	6			
Starch, Soda, and Blue	16	1	10			
Lime for Gas.....10 tons, 9 cwt.. 2 qrs., at 11/8 & 13/4	8	8	8			
Gas Retorts	27	1	3			
				795	10	10
WINES, SPIRITS, PORTER, AND ALE.						
Ale.....18 gallons, at 60/	1	10	0			
Porter.....1,188 „ 58/	95	14	0			
Brandy.....87 4-5ths „ 19/2½	84	4	11			
Gin.....13 „ 10/	6	10	0			
Port Wine.....78 „ 13/	50	14	0			
Ditto.....2 bottles, 4/9	0	9	6			
Sherry.....12 „ 3/	1	16	0			
				240	18	5
SURGERY AND DISPENSARY.						
Drugs	72	6	5			
Instruments	0	11	0			
				72	17	5
FUNERALS.						
Coffins and Interments				36	2	0
CLOTHING.						
Male Attendants' Uniform.....	46	11	7			
Female ditto ditto	54	8	7			
Calico.....	7	9	4			
Caps and Bonnets	9	12	0			
Flannel	90	11	8			
Handkerchiefs	12	12	0			
Hosiery	87	5	0			
Linsey	56	2	6			
Linen and Dowlas	22	2	8			
	386	15	4			
Carried forward				£ 8798	4	10

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE,

Between the 1st day of January, 1866, and the 31st day of December, 1866.

PAYMENTS.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By amount brought forward							8798	4	10
CLOTHING—continued.									
Brought forward				386	15	4			
Materials for Men's Clothing				110	10	7			
Ditto Women's Dresses				67	2	3			
Ditto ditto Caps				5	5	0			
Neckerchiefs				8	8	0			
Shirting				99	1	9			
Shawls				13	10	0			
Tapes, Needles, Cotton, &c.				65	2	9			
Aprons, &c.				28	7	11			
Leather, &c. for Shoes				152	17	11			
Winsey				17	5	10			
							954	7	4
FURNITURE AND BEDDING.									
Baskets				4	2	1			
Brushes				41	1	11			
Carpets				61	3	8			
Chairs, Tables, &c.				41	18	10			
Cleaning Cloths, &c.				1	6	6			
Clocks				6	12	0			
Earthenware				43	12	3			
Ironing Blankets and Scourers				30	4	5			
Ironmongery				48	19	8			
Mats				0	2	6			
Towelling				17	11	4			
Toilet Covers				16	10	2			
Upholstering				15	14	5			
Window Blinds				9	9	2			
Blankets				87	11	0			
Canvas, &c. for Mattresses, and making				64	13	6			
Quilts				38	5	0			
Sheets				228	6	11			
Curled Hair				27	6	0			
Waterproof Sheeting				27	8	10			
Picture Mouldings				8	7	0			
Thermometers				1	17	0			
							822	4	2
Carried forward							£10574	16	4

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE,

Between the 1st day of January, 1866, and the 31st day of December, 1866.

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By amount brought forward				10574	16	4
GARDEN AND FARM.						
Blacksmith	0	17	8			
Bran	2	1	4			
Cutting Peasticks and Evergreens	0	15	0			
Gardener and Labourer	30	3	6			
Goats (six)	6	0	0			
Horse (one)	25	0	0			
Horse and Machine Hire	32	16	0			
Meal	64	5	6			
Manure	25	10	3			
Straw	51	6	5			
Sheep (forty)	55	0	0			
Sheep Shearing and Killing Pigs, &c.	5	5	0			
Seeds	30	19	1			
Trees and Plants	4	1	0			
Implements	12	7	0			
Repairs to ditto	5	16	2	352	3	11
MISCELLANEOUS.						
Amusements for Patients	6	13	8			
Books, Periodicals, and Newspapers	40	7	9			
Bank Interest and Commission	29	19	0			
Carriage	3	9	0			
Cleaning Chimnies	11	13	6			
Grinding Razors, &c.	1	2	7			
Postage and Carriage of Letters	15	2	11			
Rates and Taxes	24	14	2			
Recapture of Patients	5	4	7			
Stationery, Printing, and Advertising	70	3	10			
Travelling Expenses	15	19	5			
Twine	3	14	0	228	4	5
GAS SUPPLY TO CHAPLAINCY.....						
				31	2	11
Carried forward				£ 11186	7	7

This Memorandum Account is simply to show

MEMORANDUM—GARDEN AND FARM ACCOUNT

	£	s	d	£	s	d
1866—January 1st.						
Value of Stock on hand, as per last Statement, viz :—						
1 Horse	22	18	4			
83 Pigs	186	0	0			
60 Fowls.. .. .	4	10	0			
Implements	101	10	4			
Farm Produce	157	9	0	472	7	
Cash paid for—						
Blacksmith	0	17	8			
Bran	2	1	4			
Cutting Pea Sticks, &c.	0	15	0			
Gardener and Labourer	30	3	6			
Goats	6	0	0			
Horse	25	0	0			
Horse and Machine Hire	32	16	0			
Meal	64	5	6			
Manure	25	10	3			
Straw	51	6	5			
40 Sheep	55	0	0			
Sheep Shearing and Killing Pigs, &c.	5	5	0			
Seeds	30	19	1			
Trees and Plants	4	1	0			
Implements (New)	12	7	0			
Ditto (Repairs)	5	16	2			
Value of Pig-wash from Asylum				352	3	1
Balance, which may be taken as a return for Rent on 32 Acres of Land, and the labour of Patients employed thereon				15	0	
				233	10	
				£1073	1	

the Result of the Working of the Farm.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1866.

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1866—December 31st.									
Value of Stock on hand, viz :									
1 Horse	..	..	£22 18 4						
Less 10 per cent.		..	2 5 10						
1 Horse	..	..		20	12	6			
69 Pigs	..	..	valued at	25	0	0			
5 Sheep	..	..	"	206	10	0			
40 Fowls	..	..	"	6	10	0			
Implements	..	..	101 10 4	3	0	0			
Less 10 per cent.		..	10 3 0						
Implements (new)	..	..		91	7	4			
14 Tons of Hay	at	3 10 0		12	7	0			
6 Ditto Straw	..	2 0 0		49	0	0			
50 Bushels of Barley	..	0 5 0		12	0	0			
14 Ditto Oats	..	0 3 6		12	10	0			
12 Ditto Peas	..	0 5 0		2	9	0			
110 Pecks of Onions	..	0 0 9		3	0	0			
11 Tons of Mangold Wurzel	..	0 8 0		4	2	6			
12 Ditto Turnips	..	0 8 0		4	8	0			
100 Bushels of Potatoes	..	0 3 6		4	16	0			
70 Ditto ditto (seed)	..	0 3 6		17	10	0			
				12	5	0			
By Cash received for							487	7	4
1 Goat	..	..		1	0	0			
34 Pigs	..	..		31	13	0			
19 Cwts of Hay	..	at 2/6		2	7	6			
27 Ditto ditto	..	3/-		4	1	0			
61 Bushels of Barley	..	5/3		15	19	0			
26 Ditto Oats	..	3/3		4	4	6			
34 Ditto ditto	..	3/8		6	4	8			
9¾ Ditto Seed Potatoes	..	2/6		1	4	6			
Offal	..	..		2	5	0			
Keep of Pony	..	..		4	11	0			
By value of Miscellaneous Cartage..							73	10	2
Value of Produce supplied to Asylum, and consumed by Patients, viz :							9	1	0
523 lbs Beef	..	at 7¼d		15	15	11			
5345 lbs Pork	..	6½d		144	15	3			
1532 lbs Mutton	..	9d		57	9	0			
1250¼ bushels of Potatoes	..	2/6		156	5	7			
Vegetables	..	..		115	17	6			
4157 Eggs	..	..		12	19	10			
							503	3	1
							£1073	1	7

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1866.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Balance of Cash this day as per Account		By Amounts due to Sundry Tradesmen	2287 12 10
Current	552 15 3	„ Balance in favour of the Asylum	1976 13 5
„ Amounts due from Unions and Parishes	-		
for Maintenance of Patients	3481 12 10		
„ Amount due from County Treasurer for			
Repairs and Alterations of Building..	229 18 2		
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	£4264 6 3		£4264 6 3

Examined and found correct,

J. E. EDWARDS,

CLERK OF THE ASYLUM.

JAMES WAKEFIELD, AUDITOR.

16th March, 1867.

Average Cost per head per week for 466'88 Patients.

						£	s.	d.	
Salaries and Wages	..	..	..	..	..	0	1	9	528
Provisions	..	..	..	..	..	0	4	6	105
Necessaries	..	..	..	..	..	0	0	7	862
Wine, Spirits, and Porter	..	..	..	..	..	0	0	2	390
Surgery and Dispensary		..	..	..	..	.....			720
Funerals	..	..	..	..	..	.....			350
Clothing	..	..	..	..	..	0	0	9	432
Furniture and Bedding		..	..	..	..	0	0	8	130
Garden and Farm	0	0	3	480
Miscellaneous	0	0	2	251
						0	9	2	248
Less Produce of Farm, &c. sold			985
						0	9	1	263

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